

COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE

Minutes of the meeting held on December 4, 1981

Present: C. Cohen, Chairman, D. Taddeo, R. Martin, C. Campbell, S. Casey, D. Dicks, R. Diubaldo, J. Doyle, H. Fink, L. Houle, C. Kalman, K. Kusano, J. Macaluso, D. McDougall, B. Petrie, H. Proppe, E. Raudsepp, K. Riener, A. Ross, O. Schwelb, H. Shulman, G. Taggart, M. Taylor, P. Thornton, G. Trudel, U. Comtois, A. Goldstein, J. Kinloch, R. Cannon, C. Crawford, B. Sahni.

Absent with regrets: J. Chaikelson, M. Singer, C. Bertrand, K. Bindon, C. Langford, J. Lightstone, S. McEvenue, J. Ryan, M. Shames, M. Squires, J. Princz.

Guest: T. Gray

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

81-17-1 It was moved and seconded (Taddeo/Doyle) to approve the agenda as circulated. Vote: Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

81-17-2 It was moved and seconded (Doyle/Taddeo) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 1981.

Mr. Martin asked to have a correction made in the spelling of Robert Marcel Perron's name which had been added to the list of successful candidates for the degree of Bachelor of Science.

It was noted that the meeting had adjourned in the a.m. not p.m.

The question was called on the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 26, 1981 and was Carried.

81-17-3 It was moved and seconded (Doyle/Taddeo) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 1981.

Mr. Cannon said that he had not seconded motion 81-16-41, having left the meeting by that time, and suggested that Mr. Goldstein's name should replace his in the minute.

It was pointed out that Appraisals Committee A had been set up to evaluate Simone de Beauvoir Institute and the Centre for Mature Students and that the entry on page 5 should have reflected that fact.

John Kinloch asked to have his name included with those who had been present at the meeting.

The question was called on the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 6, 1981 and was Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

Prof. Taylor announced that she was going to submit a request to the Steering Committee to consider a review of the way in which nominations are made. She said that the specific incidence which gave rise to the request was that her department was disappointed in the way people were named to the Appraisal Committee to evaluate Applied Social Science. Dean Cohen replied that, as Chairman of the Committee, he would welcome the request. He thought that from the point of view of the Steering Committee the whole process of elections has been fairly unsatisfactory.

Dean Taddeo reported that he had had an explanation from Prof. L'Herault concerning the circumstances which led to the department's request to hold examinations in the final week of classes.

At Dean Taddeo's request, Prof. Taggart gave an explanation of the marking scheme used by Etudes Françaises and why it was necessary to hold examinations in the last week of the term.

Prof. Fink reported that in the light of the discussions which had taken place on competence in written expression, he had been embarrassed by a number of problems with the minutes. He drew attention to three typographical errors on page three of the minutes of the meeting of November 6th, as well as a grammatical oversight. Dean Cohen thanked Prof. Fink for volunteering to edit the minutes for Steering Committee.

5. Chairman's Remarks

Dean Cohen welcomed two new members to the Council, Prof. Schwelb of the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, and Prof. Comtois from the Faculty of Fine Arts.

The Chairman reported that at the last meeting of Senate the question of competence in written expression was dealt with again and that most of the time was spent in approving a text of resolutions which will be sent back to Councils for their comments. The Dean said that those resolutions will be on the agenda for the January meeting of the Arts and Science Council.

With regard to the Guidlines for Undergraduate Programmes which had been discussed by Council, Dean Cohen reported that the document had not gone back to Senate, mainly because of the objections raised in the Arts and Science Council. It was his understanding that U.C.C.C. has generated a new set of guidlines that will go to Senate, and which take into account most of Council's concerns.

The Chairman reminded Councillors that some thought should be given to possible candidates for honorary degrees to be given at the spring convocation. Names together with c.v.'s should be sent to the Steering Committee before January 27, 1982.

6. Questions and Announcements

On behalf of Provost Singer, the Chairman announced that the Task Force on Academic Advising had been meeting regularly, and for long hours, and had started its work by trying to generate information from departments and academic units as to how academic advising is presently conducted, and whether it is satisfactory. The request for information also went to the students' associations. Dean Cohen stated that thirty-eight requests went to departments, and that thirty-one responses had been received. As far as the students' associations were concerned, twenty five responses were requested, only two were received.

Prof. Proppe asked for information regarding the policy not to admit independent students to the University in January, who made the decision and why. Mr. Martin, when asked for an explanation, said that he did not think that the policy had been made by the Registrar. Dean Cohen replied that the Deans had not been consulted on the policy, but that discussions were now taking place. Questions were raised concerning late registration, some means of informing students of the courses in which places are available, and to what extent students had been informed of the new policies in effect.

Prof. Trudel suggested that requests to hold examinations in the final week of classes be submitted to Council at least two months before the fact.

7. Elections

a) Arts and Science Faculty Panel - Four Students

Mr. Cannon explained that under the very heavy weight of examinations in the last week of classes he had been unable to find any candidates.

b) Appraisals Committees - Three Students

No names were presented.

c) Study Group on Academic Advising - One Faculty Member
One Student Member

Dean Cohen explained that because some students had changed programmes the vacancy on the Study Group was for a Division III. student. He then reported that the Steering Committee did not have a name to present for the Faculty position in Division III. and asked representatives from Division III, who were present at the meeting, to go back to their departments to try to find a candidate for the position. He noted that the Committee holds its meetings on Wednesday mornings.

All the elections were put off until the next meeting of Council.

8. Curriculum Committee Report

Recommendation to Discontinue the Para-Academic Options of the Individual Studies Programmes (ISP) (Tabled at the meeting of May 15, 1981)

No decision was taken concerning this programme last spring in order to allow the students to present the results of a study that was being conducted at the time the Curriculum Committee's recommendation was submitted to Council. Dean Cohen gave of summary of the events which had occurred since that time.

Mr. Cannon regretted that he did not have a report to present to Council.

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It was moved and seconded (Macaluso/Taddeo) to accept the Curriculum Committee's recommendation to discontinue the Para-Academic Activity Classification. Vote: Carried

9. Other Business

No new business was raised.

10. Next Meeting

January 8, 1982

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m. (Taddeo/Sahni).